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Generosities



D.C. Child and Family Services Agency, Office of Volunteer Services

FY05 Report

Your Donations Top \$600,000

In Volunteer Services, we have been continuously awed by and grateful to you, the endlessly generous scores of donors who have reached out to help foster children and their families. You include individuals, groups, small local and large national companies, churches, and a host of community organizations. We deeply appreciate your thoughtfulness because so many struggling families depend on you for holiday gifts, new experiences, recreational activities, furniture, clothing, and a broad range of "extras" we could not supply without your help. On behalf of CFSA and the children and families we serve, we are pleased to say "thanks" with this second annual report on donor and volunteer activities. It covers FY05, from October 2004 through September 2005.



Beatrice Williar,
OVS Manager

This year, thanks to your support we have been able to celebrate many successes during our year-around donation campaigns. For the first time ever, we created an innovative public/private partnership with Capital One, Inc. who donated funds to sponsor all of our children to enjoy summer camp. We launched a new campaign called Project College Bound in which we received a tremendous outpouring from caring individuals and groups who provided linens, electronic equipment, computers and other household items for our foster teens preparing to go off to college. And finally, The Horatio Alger Association of Distinguished Americans earmarked \$75,000 in scholarship funds for District youth in foster care. In FY06, we look forward to establishing a Volunteer Mentor Partnership program. This pilot program establishes partnerships with nonprofit mentoring organizations to provide regular, one-on-one interaction with children and teens who can benefit from more adult attention and guidance. Our goal is to partner with enough organizations to provide trained mentors for 200 children.

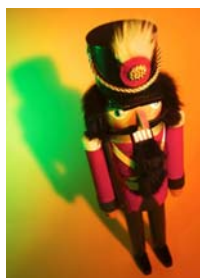
Please take a few moments to read this report and see just how much you have done for District children, teens, and families through CFSA. It adds up to a tremendous outpouring of community support that has made a real, positive difference in so many lives. Thank you so very, very much.

Beatrice Williar

About the CFSA and Volunteer Services

The District's child welfare system currently serves almost 6,000 children, 2,700 of whom are in foster care. As the local public child protective agency, the Child and Family Services Agency (CFSA) knows we cannot do the demanding work of helping these youngsters by ourselves. Broad community involvement and strategic partnerships are needed to accomplish our mission of protecting and assisting the District's abused and neglected children and troubled families. In addition, public funding is not always earmarked to cover all the needs these children and families present. CFSA's Office of Volunteer Services (OVS) works year-round to develop partnerships with individuals and groups willing to donate goods and services that directly benefit children and families involved with our agency.

November/December 2004



Project Harvest/Make-a-Wish Holiday Toy Drive

Holiday seasons can be a very difficult time for many children in care. Through the generosity of our donors, our children and families are able to experience the joy and warmth of the holiday season.

During the 2004 Holiday Donation Drive, 122 community donors gave 4,093 toys, gifts and food baskets at a retail value of \$162,000. Donors allowed Child and Family Services (CFSA) to serve 1,697 children.

CFSA enjoys contributions from a diverse corps of donors. Among these donations included Mayor Anthony A. Williams' holiday party for 400 foster children hosted by the Washington Wizards. Families also enjoyed free tickets to the Wizards game.

International Special Events Society (ISES) provided hotel accommodations to host CFSA's annual adoption matching party. Ms. Bonnie Galesbie generously provided 100 Build-A-Bear toys for children to enjoy during the event.

Our donors come from small non-profit organizations, large downtown law firms, churches, government agencies, civic associations, fraternities and sororities, and even individual donors. Donors represent DC, Maryland and Virginia. CFSA's appeals to this varied group by offering several ways for donors to contribute (Food Baskets, Wish List Gifts, General Gifts & Family Sponsorship). There is a donation option to suit almost every preference. Our donors take particular care in purchasing age and gender appropriate gifts or finding exactly what the foster child asks for on their wish list, along with including a personalized note or greeting card for the child. Some donors go the extra mile to make a greater connection by personally delivering toys and food baskets to the families.

February 2005

Second Annual Donor Recognition Ceremony

In appreciation for the caring support for the children and families we serve, CFSA hosts an annual recognition ceremony for our valuable community and business partners. The ceremony is designed to acknowledge the importance of donations made by CFSA's many dedicated donors.

Our donors play a vital role in helping us to meet the needs of our families. During the event, Burt Braverman, partner at Cole, Raywid, and Braverman, LLP, one of the agency's largest donors for over 30 years, was a guest speaker and shared his thoughts about working with CFSA. Mr. Braverman stated "It has been a joy and great family tradition to help foster children served by CFSA." Also during the event, a young lady who received gifts shared her sincere gratitude and thanks to the donors. A children's choir that was comprised of foster children performed. The event was a great opportunity for donors to meet some of the children who received gifts and engage CFSA senior management that included the agency Director and Chief of Staff. As a token of appreciation, CFSA presented each donor with an engraved acrylic award.



March 2005

Care for Kids Campaign/Circus Tickets for Foster Kids

The Care for Kids Campaign is designed to collect personal care kits for children who arrive at the agency and are in need of toiletries. CFSA collected over 300 personal

care kits from area faith-based organizations. CFSA would especially like to thank Temple Micah for providing numerous toiletry kits. Feld Entertainment and the National Council for Adoption provided free tickets for 500 children to enjoy an exciting and fun evening at the circus.

April 2005

Project Prom

CFSA held its second annual Project Prom initiative that is designed to collect new and gently-used formal wear for our youth and graduating seniors. As part of the initiative, CFSA held an event that featured an in-house boutique filled with an array of beautiful dresses and featured a pampering workshop with manicures, facials and make-overs.

This event is one of our most popular initiatives and continues to grow each year. This year, CFSA collected over 450 formal dresses and tuxedos for foster teens. Received 10 new dresses from David's Bridal. The event received positive media coverage and had a great media brief the Washington Times (metro section). Also, WAMU radio provided free public Service announcements which garnered a lot of donations from the public.

May 2005

Community Group Monetary Donation

The International Special Events Society (ISES), who is one of CFSA's most loyal and generous sponsors, presented CFSA with a \$4,000 check from their annual gala fund-raising dinner. CFSA will use the donation to meet needs of our children and youth that Federal and other child welfare funding does not cover. ISES has contributed to the agency's holiday drive for four years.

June 2005

Capital One Sponsorship – Foster One Cool Summer Initiative

This summer Capital One Inc. and CFSA established a first of its kind partnership to benefit the children and families served by CFSA. As part



of this innovative partnership, Capital One donated over \$355,000 in sponsorship of the "Foster One Cool Summer" initiative that provided fun summer camp

opportunities for all of our children in care. Additionally, Capital One sponsored specialized training for foster parents that will help to increase their skills and competencies in working with difficult to place populations.

JULY 2005

Project College Bound

College-bound youth in foster care Annette and Robert are all set for this fall thanks to the generosity of St. Peter's Episcopal Church, Arlington, VA. Church members provided each student with a computer and printer, bed linens, towels, robe, toiletries, luggage, storage units, and school supplies. Getting to class on time will not pose a problem either. These freshmen are ready to set up their dormitory rooms with alarm clocks, irons, and calculators.

Volunteer Services also hosted a College Kit Give-Away to distribute twin-size comforters and sheets, storage units, backpacks, alarm clocks, towels, and school supplies to all college-bound students in need. Community donations to the first annual Project College-Bound drive, which allows donors to provide all the "equipment" foster youth need to go to college, exceeded \$10,000. We would especially like to thank the Lashawn Fund

and Hope for Kids for their significant contribution to our inaugural campaign. **Names changed to protect confidentiality.*

August 2005

Back-to-School Campaign & Splash Party

Each year, CFSA conducts a back-to-school campaign to collect school supplies and



backpacks to help get our children prepared for school. CFSA received over 300 backpacks from Office Depot. Children's Hospital donated 200 backpacks filled with school supplies. The Back-to-School splash party

was a big success! During the event, nearly 300 children and families enjoyed great food, fun and swimming. Fifty children received medical screenings.

September 2005

Help for Hurricane Katrina Evacuees

CFSA partnered with the Children-to-Children Foundation to provide 400 duffle bags to families that were staying at the DC Stadium Armory for temporary shelter. Children-to-Children Foundation who provides a vital resource to CFSA donated over 2,000 pieces of luggage and duffel bags this year.

October 2005

Scholarships for Students in Foster Care/ Coats for Kids Campaign

The Horatio Alger Association of Distinguished Americans earmarked \$75,000 in scholarship funds for District youth in foster care. Up to 30 deserving students are eligible to receive a \$2,500 scholarship each. The Association's mission is to recognize the achievements of individuals who have succeeded in spite of adversity and promotes the pursuit of higher education.

In preparation for fall/winter, CFSA conducted a drive to collect coats for our families in need.

CFSA collected over 300 coats during the campaign mostly through donations from the Metropolitan A.M.E Church. The coat donations will ensure that our families in need will have warm attire for the cold season





CFSA's Children's Donation Center helps client families with personal and household necessities year-round.

Children's Donation Center

Throughout the year, many caring individuals and groups donate goods to benefit CFSA children and families. At our on-site Children's Donation Center, client families in need can select from a wide variety of clothing, toys, and household items. In FY05, OVS received hundreds of valuable donations for the center including: adult and child clothing, infant supplies, coats, luggage, toiletries, books, computers, furniture, cribs, car seats, stuffed animals, toys, and games. ■

Our deepest thanks to each and every donor for your caring support.

* Donors who gave money, goods or services are listed in an estimated donation value category below.

Platinum (\$10,000 + value)

Capitol One, Inc
DC Chophouse & Brewery
Feld Entertainment
Canon USA
Children-to-Children Foundation
International Special Events Society
Washington Sports & Entertainment Comm.
Horatio Alger Association

Gold (\$2,000 - \$ 9,999 value)

12 Days of Christmas
Administrative Office of US Courts
Bonnie Gillespie
Blue Cross Blue Shield, FEP Operation Ctr.
Cassidy & Associates
Cole Raywid & Braverman
DBTS
Doing Small Miracles for Others
Gethsemane Baptist Church
Gryphon Technologies
Howrey Simon Arnold & White
Internal Revenue Service, SOI Division
Mercer HR Consulting
Metropolitan AME Church
Metropolitan United Methodist Church
Office Depot, Backpack Program
Office of Councilmember Sandy Allen
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PriceWaterhouseCoopers LLP
Project GiveBack
Project Harvest
Swidler Berlin Shereff Friedman LLP
Vision DC
Walter Reed Army Institute of Research Open
WMATA
Metro Area Zakat Committee

Silver (\$500 - \$1,999 value)

ABA, Center of Children & the Law
Annapolis Lighting
APCO Worldwide
BAE Systems
Cameo Kitchens, Inc.
CFSA Chief of Staff, Janet Maher
CFSA, Assistant Attorney Generals
Christian Tabernacle Church
David's Bridal
DC Chpt., Jackson State Univ. Alumni Assoc.
Dept. of Justice, Federal Programs Branch
East Friendship Baptist Church
Ericka Rosier
Fairfax Ice Arena
Georgetown Univ., President's Office
Hope for Kids
IEEE Computer Society
Intl. Masons, King of Kings Lodge #31
Jennifer Merrill
Ladies Lunch Group
Miller & Van Eaton
NASA, Office of the Inspector General
Natl. Soc. of Collegiate Scholars, HU Chpt.
Office of Congresswoman Nancy Pelosi
DHHS, Office of Legislative Affairs & Budget
Penny & Friends
Sarah Prigan
Special Counsel
Stephanie Helleman
The Methodist Home of DC
The Washington Group
US Census Bureau, Policy Office
Valet Formal Wear
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Bronze (\$50 - \$499)

American Univ., Black Law Students Assoc.
Center for the Study of Social Policy
David Nassif Associates
Department of Justice, Tax Division
Edelman
Evan Ryan
Everest Management, Inc.
Families for Private Adoption
Fidelity Chpt. No. 10, Order of the Eastern Star
First Baptist Church of Glenarden
Fried, Frank, Harris, Shriver & Jacobson
Gates Foundation
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Hilton Washington & Towers, Human Resources
IRMD Applications
Jonathan & Sheila Davies
Joy Crim
Kaiser Permanente of the Mid-Atlantic States
Lesley Weller
Liz Milne
Mary O'Brien
Mount Rona Baptist Church
National Education Association
National Labor Relations Board, Operation Mgt.
Office of Councilmember Phil Mendelson
DC Office of Property Management
Paulette Burdett
Phillip Eaton
Population Connection
Saida's Soft Touch Make-Up Artistry
Second Union Baptist Church
The Sisterhood
St. Martin's Catholic Church
United States Navy PSD Washington
US District Court, US Marshall Service
World Bank

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